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SUBJECT: MALECELA'S TALK WITH UK FOREIGN SECRETARY

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1. SUMMARY: MALECELA BRIEFED CALLAGHAN DURING VISIT LONDON OVER WEEKEND ON HIS MEETING FEBRUARY 9 WITH SOUTH AFRICAN FONMIN MULLER. MALECELA ALSO URGED UK A) TO STOP DRAGGING FEET ON CONVENING CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA AND B) TO REQUEST MULLER TO KEEP PRESSURE ON SMITH TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANC. CALLAGHAN DENIED FOOT DRAGGING AND SPOKE OF NEED, INDEED VITAL IMPORTANCE, OF PATIENCE NOW IN THIS MATTER. CALLAGHAN AGREED UK WOULD TALK TO MULLER. END SUMMARY

2. UK HICOM COUNSELLOR STRONG TOLD DCM MARCH 3 THAT FONMIN MALECELA HAD WORKING LUNCH WITH UK FCO SECRETARY CALLAGHAN DURING MALECELA'S QUICK VISIT TO LONDON (REFTEL).
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MALECELA BRIEFED CALLAGHAN ON HIS MEETING FEBRUARY 9

ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL OTHER AFRICAN
FONMINS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER. MALECELA SAID
TALK WITH MULLER WAS ON PRAGMATIC MATTERS CONCERNING
SITUATION IN RHODESIA, E.G. AFRICANS ASKED MULLER TO URGE
SMITH TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND TO END EXECUTION
OF LIBERATION FRONT FIGHTERS. MULLER, IN TURN, ASKED
AFRICANS TO URGE ANC LEADERS TO HAVE FIGHTERS PUT DOWN
ARMS. TALKS WERE AMICABLE AND MALECELA SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED
THAT MULLER IS APPARENTLY SINCERELY TRYING TO PRESSURE
SMITH TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANC. MULLER ALSO FORTHCOMING WITH
AFRICANS CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF TALKS ON FUTURE OF NAMIBIA.

3. MALECELA ASKED UK TO STOP DRAGGING FEET ON ISSUE OF CON-
VENING CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA. CALLAGHAN
REPORTEDLY DENIED UK DRAGGING FEET. IN UK VIEW THERE IS NO POINT
CONVENING CONFERENCE UNTIL ASSURED IT WILL BE SUCCESS.
REQUIREMENT NOW IS FOR SMITH AND HIS PEOPLE TO TALK WITH ANC
LEADERS SO THAT THESE TWO PRINCIPALS DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP.
FOR EXAMPLE, AT LAST SMITH-ANC MEETING AT END JANUARY SMITH
CASTIGATED ANC FOR BREAKING AGREEMENT TO KEEP THEIR TALKS
PRIVATE. SMITH THREATENED TO BREAK OFF TALKS. ANC LEADERS
FRANKLY ADMITTED ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS HAD ERRED. HOWEVER,
THEY AGREED THAT ISSUE WAS TOO IMPORTANT, TOO MANY MEN'S
LIVES WERE AT STAKE TO PERMIT TALKS TO BREAK DOWN
ON THE BLUNDER OF ONE STUPID MAN. ANC ASKED SMITH
TO RECONSIDER. SMITH AT LENGTH CONCEDED WISDOM ANC
VIEW AND NEXT TALKS NOW SLATED FOR MARCH 5 OR 6.
UK REGARD THIS AS EXAMPLE OF MATURE STATESMANSHIP ON PART
OF ANC AND THAT THIS IS THE PROCESS THAT MUST BE ALLOWED TO FOLLOW ITS

NATURAL COURSE BEFORE THERE CAN BE ANY HOPE OF CONVENING SUCCESSFUL
CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA. SUCH SMITH-ANC TALKS
COULD TAKE MONTHS BEFORE TIME RIGHT FOR CONFERENCE.
"SECONDS" TO SMITH AND ANC (IN UK VIEW SOUTH AFRICAN
AND AFRICAN PRESIDENTS RESPECTIVELY) MUST STAY IN TOUCH?
BE PATIENT AND BE PREPARED SUPPORT CONFERENCE WHEN TIME
RIGHT.

4. FINAL POINT MALECELA MADE TO CALLAGHAN WAS REQUEST
THAT UK CONTINUE TO URGE SOUTH AFRICA TO PRESSURE SMITH
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TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANC. MALECELA BELIEVES UK PRESSURE ON SOUTH
AFRICA IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN UK PRESSURE DIRECTLY ON SMITH. UK
AGREES AND PROMISED TO DO WHAT IT COULD, THOUGH NOTING SOUTH
AFRICANS QUITE SUSPICIOUS OF UK IN THIS MATTER.
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